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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Vadiraja Murthy and Edward R. Burns

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For : METHOD FOR DETECTING HEMOLYSIS

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Examiner : Carol A. Spiegel

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
            and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR A FOUR MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a four month extension of time in connection with the above-identified application for filing a Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) thereto. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 19, 1997. An Appeal Brief was due January 19, 1998. This petition for a four month extension of time extends the deadline for filing a response to May 19, 1998. Accordingly, the subject application is pending on May 19, 1998 for purposes of filing a Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) thereto.

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The required fee for the four month extension of time is $755.00 for a small entity, and a check for this amount is enclosed. Applicants' small entity status was previously established and still applicable.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment, or charge any additional extension of time fee necessary to preserve the pendency of the subject application to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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